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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 23 August 2002, said period of response being extended from 23 November 2002 to 23 January 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$410.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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